NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: I have received a few notices for adjournment of the business of the House to consider certain matters of urgent public importance.

The first one is from Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan. It reads thus:—

"The great hardship caused to thousands of teachers in the private Primary Schools of the State owing to the reduction of their grant-in-aid from S. Rs. 8 chs. 14-0 to S. Rs 8-chs. 0-0."

It is obviously a matter concerning the whole community of aided school teachers; and as action has already been taken by Government in the matter for reduction recently, I consider this motion quite in order, unless there is any objection by any member of the House.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I object to the motion.

PRESIDENT: As many Honourable Members as are in favour of the motion may raise their hands.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*): I have not heard the motion.

PRESIDENT: The first time I am told that my voice has not been heard.

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Those Honourable Members who are in favour of the motion, please rise in their places.

More than the required majority being in favour, the adjournment motion is admitted and will be taken up for consideration, to suit the agenda that has already been framed, on Thursday afternoon.

There is another motion from Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai. It reads thus:—

"I move that the business of the Assembly be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance *viz.*, that steps taken in hurry to register additional plots of land and to license the same for salt manufacture at Palkulam near the Cape, being a serious menace to the existing salt industry, should be stayed, till the policy of adding to the existing *alloms* is examined by a competent committee and the Government are satisfied that no harm would result from further extensions of the salt-producing area."

I would like the Government member to say what the matter is.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, there is a *poramboke* area near Vattakotta. Several applications have been received for the assignment of that land from licensees for the manufacture of salt. The applications are under consideration of Government. The question has been referred to the P. W. D., the Land Revenue department as well as to my department.

PRESIDENT: So, the matter is under investigation?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: No orders have been passed?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: I am afraid, in the light of the statement made by the Government member, it cannot be regarded as a matter of urgent public importance of *recent occurrence*. The occurrence has not taken place; for, as the Government member said, the matter is still under investigation of Government and Government have not come to any conclusion on the matter. I think the adjournment motion is not in order as the matter is still under investigation. It is therefore disallowed.

The next motion is from Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai. It reads thus:—

"I move for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious situation arising out of the fact that there is no representative for Travancore at the Harbour Conference that is being held from the 11th of November 1935, and that the representatives and legal advisers of the Governments of Cochin, Madras and the Government of India are present and are discussing and coming to conclusions on matters that vitally affect Travancore interests without hearing the representatives of Travancore."

Well, in the first place, the Honourable Member has evidently given notice of this motion not being in possession of accurate facts. I can tell the House that the Travancore Government is being represented at that Conference.

In the second place, any discussion of the Harbour Conference on the floor of this House is not permissible, for those discussions, which are proceeding there, are so delicate that it will not be in the public interest to allow them on the floor of this House.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know who represents Travancore?

PRESIDENT: Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Conference is going on today?

PRESIDENT: It has begun but has not come to any decision.

MESSAGE FROM THE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

The Secretary then read to the House the following message dated the 3rd October 1935 received from the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council.—

"Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, passed under date the 28th October 1932, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council has, at its meeting held on the 13th August 1935, agreed, without any amendments, to the Travancore Provident Insurance Societies Regulation (Amendment) Bill, which was passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly at its meeting held on the 23rd May 1935."

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